

**WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2006**

**Attending:**

Board Members: Jack Hauck, Dick Eddy, Mary Kelly, Luci Lynch, Barbara Morrell, Jane Richardson, and Kit Richardson

Associate Members: Roseann Brozenske, Marion D'Ambrosio, Jean Eddy and Nancy Spofford

COA Treasurer - Susan Carp

COA Director/Van Supervisor Trudy Reid

Chairman Hauck called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. He encouraged the Board members to "finish up strong". Noting that there are only two meetings (today and June 13th) left in this fiscal year, he urged that we have some carry-over of programs into the summer months to keep the our name out in the public eye

Minutes of the Meeting of April 11th, 2006, were accepted as submitted.

The Chairman took this opportunity to introduce Treasurer Susan Carp to the Board Members present.

**Committee Reports:**

ARTWORK: Kit Richardson called attention to the quilts on display today, which are the work of the Kindergarten classes. The Committee hopes to have the paintings of the late Arnold Currier hung during July and August.

BUDGET: In her final report Trudy stated that the Budget looked great! She noted that she has been meeting with Susan Carp, to give her an idea of how the accounting with the Town works. Susan responded that she feels it should be easy to simplify the reporting process. The Chairman noted that in the future he would like to see some type of tracking made of the various expenses, for planning purposes.

FRIENDS: Mary Kelly informed the Board that the Friends made approximately \$300 at the food sale on Town Meeting Day. In addition, 100 Brochure /Membership Applications were handed out. Some 685 letters and applications are ready to be mailed, and 45 letters will also be sent to local businesses. Memberships returned will be good until 6/30/07. At the June 3rd Coffee the Friends will hold their Annual Meeting and make a presentation. They will also have a table at the Wenham Day Celebration. At this time they are not sure what that will consist of--maybe crafts, food, a raffle? Also in the works is a Yard Sale planned for September 23rd here at the Rec Building, and finally a Kite Flying Day (date to be announced) in conjunction with the Museum, the Rotary Club and the Schools. This is not intended to be a Fund Raiser, but rather a family fun day!

PROGRAMS: Dick Eddy stated that the Committee has not come up with any thoughts as yet as to what might be carried on during the Summer. They will have to reassess the list of potential activities to see what could work. He expressed his disappointment that the Drop-In/Game day did not have good response, but was pleased that the computer

training classes did so well. Trudy noted that it may be possible to continue these programs using the Schools equipment during the summer, or perhaps here at the Rec Building using Laptops. Dick will check with the principal to see what can be worked out.

**TRIPS:** Jane Richardson announced that 34 people are signed up to go to the Pops next Wednesday. Thus far only 18 have signed for the Lighthouse trip on June 10th, and a disappointing 4, for the Baseball game on June 22nd. The Nantucket trip (September 6-8) has 14 set to go, to date. A brief discussion of the 8/16 Ice Cream Social followed. Since the cost of this event is under \$100, and already in the budget, it was felt that maybe this could be held here at the Recreation Building, and include some entertainment as well as the Ice Cream. There was a suggestion that Goodies, of Danvers, might provide the ice cream, toppings etc. at little or no cost. Dick will contact Peter Stewart to see if he might be interested in providing entertainment. Jane agreed to the idea, but stressed that this is an important event to many of the elderly. In conclusion Jane noted there will be another trip to Foxwoods, on 9/21 at \$24/pp. She is still hoping to work something out for a lobster bake and a foliage trip later.

**VAN:** Trudy Reid reported that April was a good month. Wenham had 74 riders (144 trips) and Hamilton 53 riders (95 trips). Two new riders sign up this month, and the van transported 7 residents of Enon Village to the Victorian Tea with a volunteer driver. Medical appointments, shopping and hairdresser continue to be the majority usage.

**Director:**

**COFFEES:** John Darling spoke about the Town Hall police station project at the April 14th coffee, with about 35 attending. Since only 10 people showed up on May 6 (during the Town Election), we need to re-think this idea. On May 20th several children will perform a musical program of Broadway, show tunes and piano selections. June 3rd the Friends of COA will give their presentation, and on June 17th Bill Jenkins is scheduled to talk on Volkssporting. The idea of the Program Committee taking over scheduling of coffee speakers was briefly discussed.

**GRANTS:** Work has been started on the application for the State Formula Grant. This year we will be able to put about \$700 somewhere other than the Director's salary. It was decided to use this toward postage. The application is due to Elder Affairs by May 26th.

**OUTREACH:** No activity during April

**NEWSLETTER:** The next letter will be mailed later this month. Pictures from the Bake Sale and Yellow Dot Program may be included.

**TRIAD:** The program held on May 6th was a great success with 67 residents signed up. Much appreciated help was received from several Boy and Girl Scouts, a Reserve Officer from the Wenham PD and Roseann Brosenske, from the COA as well as 4 volunteers from Danvers. A letter will be sent to the Chronicle thanking those who assisted, and a letter to the 1st Church with an up-date on the program, as well as to each of the Danvers volunteers. Trudy will also ask Chief Welsh to help plug this program.

**Old Business:**

**HELP FOR TRUDY:** The Chairman brought up the need for volunteers willing to give Trudy a hand with getting the Newsletter out. Some times help is needed on very short

notice. It was suggested that a Help List be established for Trudy to call upon when she needs assistance.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jane Richardson reported that she, Barbara Morrell and Marion D'Ambrosio met and discussed a potential new member for the Board to replace Jean Marchant, as requested at the last meeting. They agreed unanimously to offer the opening to Susan Carp, the new Treasurer. Susan thanked them and agreed to give her answer at the next meeting in June.

**SPECIAL SPEAKER SOCIALS:** The Chairman stated that he would like to arrange for speakers for things like "drop-ins", bingos or maybe special interest groups, like Town History, Travel, etc. Something different to get people together informally.

**New Business:**

Upcoming Events: The Chairman reminded the members about (1) the swearing in of the new Selectman on Wednesday, May 10th; (2) the May 11th Override Election from 7 am to 8 pm. and (3) the Library Cribbage group at 10:30 am. on the same day. Finally, : (4) Saturday May 13th the Town will hold a leaf pick-up and the Chairma nnoted that leafbags are still available here. :

CLA Network: The Chairman would like to see the Council promote a program on the Challenges of Living Alone. Many Councils have these in place and they serve a great need. Trudy will be attending an Association Meeting tomorrow and will get more information. Barbara Morrell agreed to spearhead this idea.

History Club: The Chairman agreed to see what might be done to start a group interested in Wenham's rich history.

Walking Club: The idea of starting some type of Walking Group was discussed., as another way to get people together.

Calendar: Kit Richardson suggested the idea of a men's nude calendar as a means of raising funds. She will try to obtain a copy of one published in Lincoln which was a great success!

Reverse Mortgages : The Director asked if the Board approved of our lending support for a program to be held soon, with information on Reverse Mortgages. It was the sense of the meeting that this would be very worthwhile.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** June 13, 2006 - 2:00 P.M.

Lucille Lynch  
Secretary